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A DEATH TRAP.

Explosion in a Coal Mine, Near Princeton, Ind.

Six Men, Including the Treasurer and Superintendent, Dead.

One Body Still Under Ground—State Mine Inspector Has Taken Charge of the Works and Will Make a Thorough Investigation as to the Cause.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 28.—A terrible mine explosion occurred in this city at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Sixteen men were in the mine at the time of the accident. Seven men had been taken out dead up to 10 o'clock Saturday evening, and five fatally injured.

The number of dead as a result of Saturday's explosion at the Maule mine is now definitely ascertained to be six. One man—Robert Poneylight—is still under ground and all hope of his being rescued alive has been given up. The names of the dead are:

Robert Maule, aged 29, treasurer and general superintendent of the Maule Coal Co.

John Holmes, married, three children, aged 53.

Theo. Fabre, married, one child, aged 33.

John Ernste, married, two children, aged 26.

James Ryan, married, age 21.

Carl Poneylight, single, age 24, residence Belleville, Ill.

All of their bodies have been recovered.

Eight miners were injured. Their names follow:

James Turner, David Nolan, Arthur Colegate, James Cruce, Wm. Grills, Frank Thurber, Thomas Pierce, Wm. Booker.

State Mine Inspector Robert Fisher, of Brazil, and Assistant Inspector Epperson, together with three expert deep vein miners from Hinton and Shelby, arrived in the city Sunday morning. The mining inspector has taken charge of the mine and will make a thorough investigation.

Several attempts were made Sunday to get the body of Robert Poneylight, but the gas was too strong for the rescuers and the work was given up.

The Boycott Removed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It is announced that the boycott against the Clover Leaf route (Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City R. R.) has been removed, and that all the lines Monday resumed the sale of tickets for that road.

A Life Senator Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—M. Antoine Theodore Joseph Thery, life senator, died Monday. He was borne at Lille, March 4, 1807, and was elected a life senator by the national assembly in 1875.

PNEUMONIA

Carries Off John M. Read, the Well Known American Diplomatist.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Gen. John Meridith Read died Sunday morning from pneumonia.

John Meridith Read, the well known American diplomatist, was born in Philadelphia February 27, 1837, he being a son of a former solicitor general of the United States. He received his education at a military school and at Brown academy, where he received the degree of A. M. in 1860. He was graduated at the Albany law school in 1858, studied international law in Europe, was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia and afterward removed to Albany, N. Y. He was adjutant general of New York in 1860-66 and was one of the originators of the "Wide-Awake" political clubs in 1860. He was chairman in April of the same year of the committee of three to draft a bill in behalf of New York state appropriating \$100,000 for the purchase of arms and equipments, and he subsequently received the thanks of the war department for his ability and zeal in organizing, equipping and forwarding troops. He was first United States consul general for France and Algeria in 1869-73 and 1870-72 acting consul general for Germany during the Franco-German war.

After the war he was appointed by Gen. DeCass, French minister of war, to form and preside over a commission to examine into the desirability of teaching the English language to the French troops.

Minneapolis Bank Closes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—The Scandia bank, of this city, closed its doors Monday afternoon. It was organized some fifteen years ago by Mons. Grinager, a prominent Scandinavian politician of this state, who died in 1893. The last statement showed loans and discounts amounting to \$189,288, and deposits aggregating \$225,337. Its business has been almost wholly with Scandinavians.

A \$50,000 Fire at Amesbury, Mass.

AMESBURY, Mass., Dec. 28.—One of the worst fires in the history of Amesbury occurred early Sunday morning in the post office block. Loss \$50,000. The block, which was the finest in town, was owned by F. J. Babin and occupied by the postoffice, stores, offices and Hibernian hall.

Minister Le Chat to Be Transferred.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Chronicle's Brussels correspondent telegraphs that M. LeChat, Belgian minister to the United States, will shortly be transferred to St. Petersburg.

Incendiary Fire at Gallipolis.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Dec. 28.—Andy Grate's barn and contents were burned Monday, the work of an incendiary. Loss, \$1,500.

Twelve Drowned.

MALAGA, Dec. 28.—A fishing smack belonging to this place, has been wrecked, drowning 12 men and several children.

WAR'S HORRORS.

Famine Has Joined Hands With the Sword in Cuba.

Ten Thousand Victims of Small-Pox in the Province of Havana.

Hunger's Victims Number Thousands—Sick Soldiers Without Medical Attendance—Hospital So Crowded That Doctors Must Neglect Patients.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Famine has joined hands with the sword and with pestilence, and hundreds are dying daily of starvation. Under Weyler's orders the pacificos in the country districts are crowded into the towns. Deprived of the meager necessities which they have obtained by tilling their farms, they are forced to beg or die. The situation is appalling.

Owing to the vigilance of army officers, the true state of affairs is being suppressed, but from reports reaching here by the underground route from the country districts, matters are growing worse daily.

In one district alone in the Pinar del Rio province, comprising four or five towns, 2,500 people are said to have died of starvation in the past two months. Except in certain limited localities practically no farming is being done.

Added to this, smallpox is spreading rapidly in the thickly populated towns by reason of the influx from the country. In Havana province alone 10,000 citizens are down with this terrible disease.

Besides this, Havana's hospitals contain 18,000 to 20,000 sick Spanish soldiers, mostly suffering from smallpox, although some are wounded and some have yellow fever. The cool weather lately has checked the spread of yellow fever, but it seems only to have made the smallpox worse.

Owing to the crowded condition of the hospitals many are dying from lack of medical attention. It is estimated that the deaths in the army hospitals are from 50 to 60 a day.

When sick soldiers are brought from the country to Havana they are dumped at the dock. Many of them are without money, and they are compelled to beg on the streets, or walk two miles to the hospital. There the lack of surgeons gives only one doctor to 200 patients.

All these things combined with the heroic stand of the patriots and the lack of Spanish funds, are bringing about a crisis. Weyler's recall is not improbable if he shall not subdue Pinar del Rio province in 20 days, as he stated to two Scripps-Mellae league correspondents in an interview, and as was later cabled to Spain.

Rumors reaching here from Spain say that the government expects him to accomplish something or resign. The friction between the army and navy forces is another cause of dissatisfaction in Spain with the Weyler regime.

The Madrid correspondents here are working against Weyler by cablegrams sent via Key West. They protest against his allowing American correspondents to go into the field with him. Some of the Madrid correspondents are said to have applied, and to have been refused.

Sanquily was sentenced to eight years for treason against the Spanish government, and yet the Cuban sympathizers are only partially satisfied. Most had expected a life sentence.

The Cuban leaders have resigned their last hopes, which they cherished for weeks, that Maceo might still be alive.

SEVENTY VILLAGES

In Formosa Destroyed by the Japanese Troops—The Inhabitants Maltreated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—A correspondent of the Japan Mail reiterates the statement made by eye witnesses and published in detail some weeks ago concerning the operations of Japanese troops in Formosa. Thirty villages at the lowest estimate have been destroyed, and eye witnesses to the atrocities place the number at not less than seventy. Many towns were destroyed whose inhabitants took no part whatever in the rebellion. Proceeding, the correspondent says:

Regarding the 29 caught pretty much at random, dragged to see their graves dug, and then ruthlessly butchered, I have the story from an eye witness who is ready to bear witness if need be. As to Chinese preparing food for Japanese, and then being butchered, I think it is true. As to the prefect of Hunan issuing a proclamation to bring back the people, and when they did return, being butchered by soldiers, my informant saw and read the proclamation in question, and the slaughtering took place on the two days following. I, myself, have seen the Chinese maltreated. I, myself, have seen graves desecrated.

Women who were violated came here and to one of our lady missionaries bore witness to the fact. Since the Japanese arrived in Formosa I have several times traveled from Chan Wha on the north to Tang Kong on the south, and in the village I have heard dozens of stories to the same effect.

If all these things had been done in a time of war one would have little or nothing to say, but they were done in a time of nominal peace.

All Europe Against America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Times says that the United States has been confidentially informed in the most friendly terms that the European powers could not remain impassive in the event of the United States abandoning the attitude of President Cleveland and his cabinet. They would side with Spain.

TARIFF REVISION.

The First of the Twelve Public Hearings Begun by the Committee on Ways and Means.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The first of the twelve public hearings to be given on the revision of the tariff was begun in the committee of ways and means of the House of Representatives this morning. Chairman Dingley presided, and there was a pretty full attendance, though as Mr. Dingley has requested that the communications should be in writing as far as possible, it is anticipated that the so-called "hearings" will be in large part "readings." Nevertheless there were a number of leading chemical manufacturers present, the first day being devoted to schedule A—chemicals, oils, and paints, and schedule II, spirits, wines and other beverages. The first schedule only was under discussion Monday morning. Among those present were representatives of Philadelphia firms and other manufacturers from Chicago, Cincinnati and other large cities. Their general views favored the restoration of specific duties. Under the ad valorem system of the Wilson bill they said honest men could not compete with dishonest men, as it was impossible to prevent under valuation.

The chemists brought with them a prepared schedule at specific rates, which they submitted to the committee. A delegation representing the Cotton Yarn Spinning Association of New England reached the city Sunday night. They are to be given a hearing Tuesday when the schedule of cotton manufactures comes up. There has been less hostility to the cotton schedule than to any other feature of the Wilson bill. In fact, it was described by a republican senator in course of debate as a "work of genius," having been prepared after consultation with experts in cotton manufacture. It is possible a desire may be expressed to leave its schedule substantially unchanged, but no definite opinion has yet been expressed to that effect by the gentlemen who are here.

The Venezuelan Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The completed draft of the Venezuelan treaty went to Lord Salisbury by last Saturday's mail and his final instructions to the British ambassador are expected within a week or ten days. The only important point still open is the place of meeting of the tribunal. This will be left to Sir Julian Pauncefote and Mr. Andrade to settle. The last little point of difference in the Anglo-American general arbitration protocol has also been settled and the treaty will probably be ready to be sent to the senate in about two weeks.

THE LYNCHERS.

Judge Owens, of Owensboro, Says They Must Be Punished.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 28.—On assembling court Monday morning, Judge Owens had the grand jury called and charged them concerning the mobbing of Holt. The judge went over the facts of the lynching and commanded the jury to thoroughly investigate the matter and indict any person found to have participated in the mob. He said that society and the helpless women and children of the county and community demanded it; that the jury could and must find out who composed the mob, and that they must be indicted for murder.

He then made an order, giving a change of venue to Muhlenberg county, for the trial of the Baskets, Williams and Allison, alleged accomplices of Holt, and ordered that they be sent to Louisville jail for safekeeping until the trial.

THE SULTAN

Notified of the Powers' Agreement to Enforce Reforms in Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—M. Melidoff, Russian ambassador to Turkey, acting as spokesman for the concert of European nations, has notified the sultan that the agreement of the powers upon the question of the enforcement of reforms in Turkey, is perfect, and that they demand that there shall be no delay on the part of the porte in giving assent to the proposal for such reforms submitted by the representatives of the powers. The ambassadors will hold a conference Tuesday, the purpose of which is understood to be the discussion of the question of resorting to coercive measures to compel the sultan to put the proposed reforms into operation, should such action become necessary to their enforcement. The matter of the time of putting the measures into operation will also be discussed.

EXCITEMENT

Still Reigns in the Town of Farmers Over the Burning of Padgett.

MOREHEAD, Ky., Dec. 28.—The town of Farmers is still in a state of excitement over the burning of Padgett in the jail fire on Christmas day. A notice has been tacked on the post office notifying the marshal of Farmers to leave. The widow of Padgett has brought suit against the town for \$10,000. The authorities offered to compromise by paying \$100, but she would not accept.

Citizens of Farmers came in a body before County Judge Carey Monday to ask him to revoke the license of Mac Green's saloon. Green says he has plenty of guns, and will sell liquor at all hazards.

Padgett had been locked up for drunkenness.

Lois Fuller to Wed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The engagement of Lois Fuller, the dancer to State Senator Jacob A. Cantor, of New York, is announced. Miss Fuller does not deny the engagement.

DOWN TO DEATH

Terrible Wreck on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

Twenty-Eight Persons Killed and Ten Injured, Two Fatally.

A Train Goes Through a Bridge 120 Feet High Into the Cahaba River—A Portion of the Bridge Goes Down With the Train and the Debris Takes Fire.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of southern railroads happened 36 miles south of here Sunday morning at 7:50 o'clock in which 28 persons were killed outright and 10 others injured, two of whom will die. The ill-fated train was a Louisville and Nashville local which runs from here to Blocton, a distance of 40 miles. The train left here at 5:30 in charge of Engineer Frank White and Conductor A. P. Connell. Four miles north of Blocton the entire train, made up of an engine, baggage car and two passenger coaches, crashed through a bridge 700 feet long and 120 feet high into the Cahaba river. A rail had been removed from the track, and when the engine struck that, 300 feet of the bridge gave way and went down with the train. Immediately the wreck took fire, the water being only three feet deep, and before sufficient help could be secured, the unfortunate passengers and trainmen, who were pinned under the debris were burned to death in sight of other unfortunate victims of the disaster. Some of the passengers, not so badly hurt, managed to crawl out and do all they could in assisting others, but with little avail.

The dead are: Frank White, engineer, of Birmingham; Geo. Carney, flagman, Birmingham; A. P. Connell, conductor, of Birmingham; Thomas Streeter, colored porter, of Birmingham; Jordon Powell, wife and eight children, of Blocton; Mrs. Henry Hanberry and two children, of Birmingham; James Boling, express messenger, of Guthrie, Ky.; L. W. Martin, Brookwood; Bruce Phillips, Blocton; S. W. Tibbs and wife, Campbelltown; Andrew Bryson, Blocton; Geo. Glendall, Helena, and four others unidentified.

The injured are: Ed Echols, slightly injured; Henry Hanberry, ribs broken; — Powell, child, feet badly burned; Mrs. Walker, of Blocton, internally, will die; Mrs. Walker's three children, slightly injured; Miss Looth, Blocton, internally, will die; Stan Stewart, arm broken.

The bridge was a ponderous wooden structure with an iron span of 200 feet in the center, and just at the beginning of the iron work train wreckers had pulled the spikes and removed one of the rails. When the engineer discovered this as was evident from the position of his throttle and reverse lever, he immediately attempted to stop but was running at such a rate of speed as to carry down the bridge. Every evidence showed that train-wreckers had been at work.

As soon as news was received here both the Louisville and Nashville and Southern railways sent out relief trains loaded with physicians and others, and everything possible was done for those who had been fortunate enough to get away from reach of the flames, which quickly consumed all of the coaches and a part of the bridge. Many of the dead were charred completely beyond recognition. The exact number who perished will never be known but it is believed it will reach 55. To cap the climax one of the relief trains which left here ran into the rear end of the wrecking train, which was stopped about 150 feet from the bridge, and came near knocking it on top of the burning train. In this accident the following were injured: Sam Eastis, will die; Wm. East, will die; Wood Campbell, leg broken; Charles L. Stone, legs badly hurt; John Rittenbury, ankle broken.

Conductor Connell, who knew better than any one else the number aboard, was killed and burned up in the wreck. It develops Monday morning that a man named Libbs and his wife got on at Guinners, six miles this side of the wreck. They are missing and it is probable that they were burned in the wreck. This runs the list of dead to 23. Others to the number of six, who were supposed to be missing, have been accounted for.

The injured are from mining towns in this district. The only persons on the train to escape unhurt were three little children of Mrs. Walker. It is thought that fully half the dead were cremated alive. A further examination of the bridge shows that the spikes on one side had been drawn for a rail length which indicated that a rail was moved out of place to deliberately wreck the train.

The story that three men robbed the dead and dying as told by one of the survivors has not yet been confirmed. But the railroad officials are not sure it was the work of train wreckers and an army of detectives are working on the case.

Minister McKinney on the Way to Washington.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 28.—Hon. L. F. McKinney, United States minister at Bogota, arrived here on the British steamship Capella Sunday morning. McKinney declined to be interviewed and left Sunday evening by rail for Washington.

The Prime Minister Denies the Report. LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Central News says that Senor Canovas Del Castillo, the prime minister, denies that negotiations have been or will be opened with the United States looking to the pacification of Cuba.



Strictly Cash

After Jan. 1st, 1897, Means

Cash On Receipt Of Goods.

It does not mean cash tomorrow, next week or in 30 days, but cash on receipt of goods.

IT DOES NOT MEAN: "I will take them up and if they suit and fit I will pay you for them." Pay on receipt of goods; then if they don't suit or fit, we will be glad to refund the money.

Star Clothing House.

Sudden Deaths.

MASSILLON, O., Dec. 28.—Michael Gonder, aged 89, was found dead in the snow near his barn near Lawrence township. Mrs. John Geiger, of Canal Fulton, dropped dead while dressing. Wm. B. Kirk, of Canal Fulton, and one of the pioneers of Stark county, died very suddenly. A little south of Massillon Henry Rank, a miller, died suddenly.

Wm. Haas' Death Warrant.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Deputy Clerk John Byrne will take the death warrant of Willie Haas, the slayer of Mrs. Emma Brader, to the pen Wednesday. Bailiff Bowman will take Charles A. Saunders, two years for burglary. The warrant for Haas will be the first one of the new warrants providing for electrocution, instead of hanging.

Gets a Free Course.

WINCHESTER, O., Dec. 28.—The Adams County Agricultural Society, through Dr. W. H. Coleman, president, and T. W. Ellison, secretary, has appointed Mrs. Ella Shriver, of Manchester township, to the free course in the Ohio University at Columbus as this county's representative. Mrs. Shriver will take the domestic science course.

Varney Assaults Another Prisoner.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—William Varney, the Cincinnati diamond thief, who assaulted W. J. Elliott, putting his eye out with vitrol some time ago, assaulted a convict named Stein, from this county Monday morning. He was controlled before he had severely hurt his victim.

Receiver for an Iron and Coal Co.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—The Columbus-Hocking Coal and Iron Co. passed into the hands of a receiver. Cognovit judgments were taken in favor of J. K. Cowan and Oscar G. Murray, receivers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, aggregating \$63,405, the amount due on freight bills.

Willie Haas Is Ill.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—Willie Haas, the Cincinnati inmate of the annex at the penitentiary, has been sick ever since he was placed there. He is in the hands of the prison physician. Haas was sentenced to the electric chair for the murder of Mrs. Brader at Covedale.

CHRISTMAS COMES

On apace. In a few short days, and also a few nights more, the largest stockings to be had on the bargain counters will be hung in a row on the mantel. (Families that are not already provided with mantels should buy at once, while the assortment is good.) The mysterious packages that have been hid during the past few weeks will come forth, for

ON DEC. 25

It is the beautiful custom for each member of the family to give to each of the other members of the family something that they least expect and usually least desire, as a token of good will. It is also the custom of young men to go "broke" about this time of the year to show their angels how deep their devotion is. This has occurred every year at this date, and there will be

NO POSTPONMENT

This year on account of hard times. We have a few suggestions to make today for the benefit of the thousands of ladies who are trying to find "something for a man." Don't try to buy him a box of cigars, unless you can afford to buy good ones. Don't buy him a smoking jacket if he don't smoke. Don't buy him a diamond pin if he's hard up. If you've got a husband, don't buy him something

ON ACCOUNT

And have the bill sent in for him to pay later on. If you want him to "brace up," buy him a pair of satin braces. If you want him to blow his own horn, buy him handkerchiefs. If he's a Republican, buy him a mackintosh or an umbrella for "protection." If you want to collar him, we'll help. If you want to suggest that you'd be willing to "tie" to him, buy him a necktie, and if you've "pinned" your faith to him, buy him a scarf pin—AND BUY 'EM HERE. Our great Clothing and Furnishing Goods sale will continue for the next two weeks, no matter what is the condition

OF THE WEATHER.

The Buckeye,

Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers,

Cor. Front and Butler sts.,

Old P. O. Building

MARIETTA, OHIO.